

**Portuguese Chairmanship****415th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

1. Date: Thursday, 17 October 2002

Opened: 10.10 a.m.  
Suspended: 1.10 p.m.  
Resumed: 3.10 p.m.  
Closed: 4.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. F. Seixas da Costa

The Chairperson, on behalf of the Permanent Council, welcomed the new Permanent Representatives of Finland and Moldova to the OSCE, Mr. A. Harkonen and Ms. N. Gherman.

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE OFFICE IN YEREVAN

Head of the OSCE Office in Yerevan (PC.FR/35/02), Denmark-European Union (with Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic in alignment) (PC.DEL/821/02), United States of America, Russian Federation, Canada, Switzerland, Norway, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Chairperson

Agenda item 2: DECISION ON THE TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE TENTH MEETING OF THE OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL

Chairperson, Yugoslavia, Russian Federation

**Decision:** The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 498 (PC.DEC/498), the text of which is appended to this Journal, on the Timetable and Organizational Modalities of the Tenth Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council.

Belarus (interpretative statement, see attachment to the decision)

Agenda item 3: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Visit of the Special Adviser of the Chairman-in-Office on Central Asia to Turkmenistan on 4 October 2002, and to Tajikistan on 7 and 8 October 2002:* Special Adviser of the Chairman-in-Office on Central Asia (CIO.GAL/87/02), Denmark-European Union (with Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the Czech Republic in alignment) (PC.DEL/820/02), United States of America, Canada, Russian Federation, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Chairperson
- (b) *Presidential elections in Serbia:* Chairperson, United States of America, Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/818/02), Canada, Russian Federation, Yugoslavia
- (c) *Visit of the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly to Lisbon on 8 October 2002:* Chairperson
- (d) *Participation of representatives of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in the meetings of the informal Financial Committee:* Chairperson, Belarus
- (e) *Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on the Role of Community Policing in Building Confidence in Minority Communities, to be held in Vienna on 28 and 29 October 2002:* Chairperson
- (f) *OSCE Conference on the Role of Religion and Belief in a Democratic Society: Searching for ways to Combat Terrorism and Extremism, held in Baku on 10 and 11 October 2002:* Chairperson, Azerbaijan, United States of America, Armenia, Canada, Russian Federation
- (g) *International Conference on Ukraine's Place in Europe, held in Warsaw on 15 and 16 October 2002:* Poland
- (h) *Visit of the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church of Romania to the Vatican from 7 to 14 October 2002:* Romania (PC.DEL/824/02)
- (i) *Co-operation between Croatia and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia:* Croatia (PC.DEL/817/02)

Agenda item 4: BELARUS - ADVISORY AND MONITORING GROUP

Chairperson, Denmark-European Union (with the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union and the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey in alignment) (PC.DEL/819/02), United States of America, Canada, Norway, Russian Federation, Belarus

Agenda item 5: ASSESSMENT TEAM ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN  
MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine, Moldova, United States of America,  
Denmark-European Union

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

*Visit of the Chairman-in-Office to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 12 October 2002:*  
Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Bilateral meetings between the Secretary General and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France: Secretary General (SEC.GAL/186/02)*
- (b) *Conference on The United Nations, the European Union, NATO and other Regional Actors: Partners in Peace?, held in Paris on 11 and 12 October 2002: Secretary General*
- (c) *Police Programme of Assistance in Kyrgyzstan: Secretary General*
- (d) *Seminar on Enhancing Security and Co-operation in Africa: Can the OSCE Experience be helpful?, held in The Hague on 10 and 11 October 2002: Secretary General*
- (e) *Combined NATO Orientation and Crisis Management Course, held in Tunis on 10 October 2002: Secretary General*
- (f) *Legal status of the OSCE: Secretary General*
- (g) *Mission staffing: Secretary General*

Agenda item 8: BRIEFING ON OSCE FIELD ACTIVITIES

*Disconnection of electricity supply in the headquarters of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, in Pristina: Secretary General, Denmark-European Union, Chairperson*

Agenda item 9: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Presidential and country-wide municipal elections in Lithuania, to be held on 22 December 2002: Lithuania (PC.DEL/822/02)*
- (b) *First Preparatory Seminar for the OSCE Economic Forum, to be held in Sofia on 11 and 12 November 2002: Netherlands*

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 18 October 2002, at 10 a.m., in the Grosser Redoutensaal